

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the many contributions of Hispanic Americans have enriched the prosperity, culture, heritage, and history of Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans sharing their ethnic heritage provides strength in today's ever changing world and marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, young Hispanic Americans represent the future leaders, educators, and workers of our state, and it is important to continue to advance the traditions of family and community through which Hispanic Americans have made invaluable contributions to Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, as we acknowledge the unique contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout the United States at this time each year, festivals in Washington State will mark the independence of Mexico, and the Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2011, as

### *Hispanic Heritage Month*

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the Hispanic community's many contributions to the quality of life in our state.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

